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TAGS: OTRA, (EL MASRI, DR. AZIZ)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGEN MEDICAL ADVISER

1. DR. AZIZ EL MASRI, VIRTUAL DEAN OF ALEXANDRIA DOCTORS AND SURGEONS, HAS SERVED FOR MORE THAN YEAR AS MEDICAL ADVISER TO CONGEN. DURING THAT TIME HE HAS PERFORMED EMERGENCY APPENDECTOMY ON ONE MARINE GUARD, ANSWERED OTHER URGENT CALLS FOR MEDICAL ATTENTION, GIVEN UP SCARCE HOLIDAY TIME TO BE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY TO MRS. KISSINGER AND SECSTATE STAFF REMAINING IN ALEXANDRIA (WHEN DR. WOLFE ACCOMPANIED SECSTATE TO OTHER CITIES) DURING LAST SINAI PEACE SHUTTLE IN MIDDLE EAST IN AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1975 AND GENERALLY SERVED CONGEN PERSONNEL AND OTHER AMERICANS, OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL, "ABOVE AND BEYOND CALL OF DUTY."

2. HE HAD BEEN PLANNING MID-APRIL VISIT TO US TO SEE SISTER-IN-LAW IN NEW YORK AND SONS WHO ARE DOING GRADUATE WORK AT MIT (ENGINEERING) AND STANFORD (COMPUTER SCIENCES). ON MARCH 1 HE INFORMED CONGEN HIS SON FROM CALIFORNIA WILL VISIT NEW YORK FROM MARCH 19 TO 29. THIS WILL EASE TRAVEL PROBLEMS FOR DR. EL MASRI AND WIFE BUT MEANS PUTTING FORWARD DEPARTURE TO ABOUT MARCH 15.

3. AS COURTESY TO DR. EL MASRI CONGEN WOULD WISH THAT DOCTOR AND WIFE COULD BE OFFERED SUCH FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE  
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AS IS APPROPRIATE BY INS AND CUSTOMS ON ENTRY (FLIGHT NUMBER

AND PASSPORT DATA WILL FOLLOW). WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALSO ANY SUGGESTIONS D/MED AND CU/NEA MIGHT HAVE FOR EVEN BRIEF VISITS AND CONTACTS THAT MIGHT BE ARRANGED FOR DR. EL MASRI IN ONE OR TWO NEW YORK, WASHINGTON AND BOSTON HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS TO GIVE HIM SENSE OF SHARING CURRENT AMERICAN THOUGHT IN GENERAL SURGERY PRACTICES AND IN MEDICAL EDUCATION. IF TRAVEL/PER DIEM AT USG EXPENSE COULD BE ARRANGED FOR NEW YORK/WASHINGTON LEG OF TRAVEL TO CONSULT WITH D/MED THIS WOULD BE MARK OF RESPECT AND APPRECIATION WELL WORTH SMALL COST (AND ONLY SYMBOLIC IN VIEW DOCTOR'S OWN EXPENSES FOR VISIT).

4. DR. EL MASRI IS FRCS (EDINBURGH), EMERITUS CHIEF OF SURGERY AT MAJOR LOCAL HOSPITAL AND STILL TEACHES AT ALEXANDIRA UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE. AT RECOMMENDATION OF DR. WILDE, FORMER RMO BEIRUT, HE IS GROOMING YOUNGER MD TO REPLACE HIMSELF AS CONGEN MEDICAL ADVISER IN ANOTHER FEW YEARS.  
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